

HOUSE RESOLUTION 177

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Sam Cardwell on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves during their careers and performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable person is Sam Cardwell, the Manager of the Project Scheduling Section for the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), who has served the State of Tennessee with distinction for thirty-four years and has announced that in June of 2007, he will be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Mr. Cardwell grew up in the Knoxville area and attended Knoxville Fulton High School; he was a member of the basketball team while attending Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) and later played baseball, receiving both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Sam Cardwell started his career at the Tennessee Department of Transportation as a Program Manager; having performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, he later assumed the position of Transportation Manager, which he has held since 2005; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with TDOT, Sam has garnered widespread respect for his project scheduling abilities and knowledge of the Program/Project/Resource Management System (PPRM); and

WHEREAS, he played a vital role in the highway development process by facilitating communication within TDOT concerning project scheduling issues, while always maintaining a positive, friendly, timely, and responsive nature to everyone who requested his assistance; and

WHEREAS, professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Cardwell is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Ruth, and children, Jill Mikulecky, Julie Belcher, and Kent Cardwell; he is the proud grandfather of Addison, Tanner, Olma, and Jonas; and

WHEREAS, Sam Cardwell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and specially recognize him for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sam Cardwell for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt good wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.